



PATENT
Docket No. 4303-4050US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jacob Richter Group Art Unit: 3738
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For : STENT WITH VARIABLE FEATURES TO OPTIMIZE SUPPORT
AND METHOD OF MAKING SUCH STENT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment responds to an Official Action mailed on August 27, 2003, for which a three month shortened statutory period of time for response expired November 27, 2003.

A Petition and Fee for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicant presents the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.